the State level for Protection of Child Rights, which will be a statutory body with similar provisions for State Commissions in respect of their constitution, reporting, functions and powers as that of the National Commision. States have already been requested for setting up the Commissions at the State level. The salient features of the proposed Child Commissions are available in the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005, which is available in the Ministry's website *http:/ www.wcd.nic.in*

(c) and (d) The Scheme was introduced in 1975 in 33 Blocks on an experimental basis. It was gradually expanded to cover 5652 projects till the end of IX Plan. However, to fulfill its commitments contained in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) to universalize the Scheme to provide a functional anganwadi in every settlement and to comply with Supreme Court's directives to increase the number of Anganwadi Centres, the Government has approved expansion of ICDS Scheme to 467 additional projects and 188168 additional AWCs, out of which 456 additional ICDS Projects and 188055 Anganwadi Centres have been sanctioned. With the expansion of the Scheme the total number of projects has increased to 6108 and that of anganwadi centres to about 9.42 lakhs.

The allocation for the Scheme has been increased from Rs. 2167.44 crore in 2004-05 to Rs. 3685.30 crore for 2005-06.

Scheme for welfare of women

185. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governemnt have introduced any new schemes this year for the welfare of women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two schemes have been introduced for the welfare of poor women:

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(i) **Working Capital Term Loan Scheme:-** Aiming at assisting women beneficiaries to develop entrepreneurial potential to the fullest; and

(ii) **Family Loan Scheme:-** Aiming at providing succour to women beneficiaries to meet their consumption needs like marriage, vehicle, education, etc.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTER CORRECTING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): Sir, I lay on the Table, Statements (in English and Hindi) correction the replies to:—

(i) Unstarred Question 3156 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th August, 2005, regarding "Pilot Project in Gujarat".

(ii) Unstarred Question 3157 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th August, 2005, regarding "Implementation of ERP system in Gujarat".

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE (Assam): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Seventeenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (2005-2006) on "Railway Production Units, Workshops and Maintenance of Rolling Stock."

श्री सभापति: मैं माननीय सदस्यों से कहना चाहूंगा कि आज जनरल डिबेट है प्रेजीडेंट के अभिभाषण पर, कम से कम समय में यदि इस मामले को उठा दिया जाए तो अच्छा रहेगा।

श्री नीलोत्पल बसु (पश्चिमी बंगाल): सर, हर रोज इस सदन में कुछ न कुछ ...**(व्यवधान)**

श्री सभापति: चलिए, आप तो बोलिए, इस पर आइए। आप इस पर बोलिए, मैं कह रहा हूं।